

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 17, 19, 21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants hereby amend the claims to overcome the Section 112, rejection and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

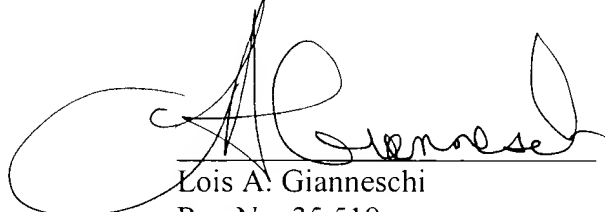
The Examiner rejected claims 1 through 5, 8, 10, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 25 through 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on United States Patent No. 5,120,121 to Rawlings. Applicants' claimed invention has a base layer that has a translucent color zone of a color of a diameter of about 10 to about 13 mm with color throughout the zone. The cited patent neither teaches nor discloses the use of such a base layer. In view of that, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Section 102(b) rejection based on the Rawlings patent.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 11, 14, 15, and 17 through 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on United States Patent No. 4,720,188 to Knapp. Knapp fails to teach or disclose a base layer with a translucent color zone of about 10 to about 13 mm with color throughout. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Section 102(b) rejection based on the Knapp patent.

The Examiner rejected claims 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Rawlings or Knapp and rejected claims 11, 14, 19, 20, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Rawlings in view of Knapp. Each of Rawlings and Knapp fails to teach or disclose at least one material element of the claimed invention. Therefore, whether considered singly or in combination, the cited patents cannot be found to render the claimed invention obvious. Withdrawal of the Section 103(a) rejection based on the Rawlings and Knapp patents is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance.  
Entry of the amendments, withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED COPY OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES

1. (twice amended) A contact lens, comprising at least one surface comprising a base layer having a clear central zone and a translucent color zone of a diameter of about 10 to about 13 mm [of a uniform color] and one or more additional color layers selected from the group consisting essentially of a second translucent color layer, an opaque color layer, or a combination thereof, wherein each of the one or more additional color layers has a clear central zone and a color zone.
17. (twice amended) The lens of claim 1, [7], 8, or 11, wherein the additional color layers comprise one or more second translucent color layers each having a color zone of uniform color.
19. (twice amended) The lens of claim 1, [7], 8, or 11, wherein the additional color layers comprise one or more second translucent color layers each having a color zone that is of a radially gradient color.
21. (twice amended) The lens of claim 1, [7], 8, or 11, wherein the additional color layers comprises one or more opaque color layers each having a color zone that is of a uniform color.
23. (twice amended) The lens of claim 1, [7], 8, or 11, wherein the additional color layers comprise one or more opaque color layers each having a color zone that is of a radially gradient color.
25. (twice amended) A method for manufacturing a tinted contact lens, comprising the step of: depositing onto a surface of a lens a base layer having a clear central zone and a translucent color zone of a diameter of about 10 to about 13 mm [of a uniform color] and one or more additional color layers selected from the group consisting of a second translucent color layer, an opaque color layer, or a combination thereof, wherein each of the one or more additional color layers has a clear central zone and a color zone.

26. (twice amended) A method for manufacturing a tinted contact lens, comprising the steps of: depositing onto a molding surface of a lens mold a base layer having a clear central zone and a translucent color zone of a diameter of about 10 to about 13 mm [of a uniform color] and one or more additional color layers selected from the group consisting of a second translucent color layer, an opaque color layer, or a combination thereof, wherein each of the additional color layers has a clear central zone and a color zone.